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Letter dated 15 September 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Committee

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 2321 (2016), in particular, its paragraph 36, which calls upon all Member States to report to the Council on concrete measures that they have taken to implement effectively the provisions of the resolution.

In this respect, I have the honour to transmit to the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006) the report of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on the implementation of resolution 2321 (2016) (see annex).

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Report of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on the implementation of Security Council resolution 2321 (2016)

1. In paragraph 36 of resolution 2321 (2016), adopted on 30 November 2016, the Security Council called upon all Member States to report to it on concrete measures that they had taken to implement effectively the provisions of the resolution. The present report describes the measures taken by Sri Lanka in this regard.

2. The Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka is committed to implementing Security Council resolution 2321 (2016) and all previous Security Council resolutions on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, namely, resolutions 1718 (2006), 1874 (2009), 2087 (2013), 2094 (2013) and 2270 (2016), and to rendering full cooperation to the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006) and the Panel of Experts established pursuant to resolution 1874 (2009). Sri Lanka will continue to work closely with all Member States towards the full implementation of the resolutions to ensure their effectiveness.

3. The necessary domestic regulations related to the Security Council resolutions on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea are currently being drafted under the United Nations Act No. 45 of 1968. The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka has obtained technical assistance from the Panel of Experts established pursuant to Council resolution 1874 to ensure that the regulations are in accordance with the requirements of the relevant Council resolutions on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka wishes to take this opportunity to thank the Panel of Experts for its assistance and advice on this important matter. The draft regulations are now in the process of being finalized with a view to having the regulations gazetted shortly.

4. In the meantime, as a Member of the United Nations that conscientiously fulfils Security Council decisions, Sri Lanka has taken the necessary steps to disseminate resolution 2321 (2016), as well as previous resolutions and the resolutions that followed — 2345 (2017), 2356 (2017), 2371 (2017) — and provisions of the resolutions to all the relevant ministries, agencies and departments to make them aware of the provisions of the resolution and the implementation obligations of Member States.

5. Paragraph 15 of resolution 2321 (2016) requires Member States to take steps to restrict the entry of members of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea or officials of that Government into their territory, if the State determines that such members or officials are associated with the nuclear or ballistic missile programmes of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. For the purpose of facilitating paragraph 15, Sri Lanka has imposed a stringent visa requirement on all nationals of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea who wish to enter Sri Lanka.

6. Nationals of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea are thus no longer eligible to apply for visas through the online Electronic Travel Authorization system of Sri Lanka. In addition, the immigration and emigration authorities have been requested to ensure that individuals on the sanctions list are not permitted to enter Sri Lanka and to exercise vigilance when nationals of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea request to enter the country, even for transit purposes. Moreover, all Sri Lanka missions and posts overseas have been instructed to refer all visa requests to the capital, for vetting.

7. Paragraph 18 of resolution 2321 (2016) requires Member States to prohibit the Democratic People's Republic of Korea from using real property that it owns or leases in their territory for any purpose other than diplomatic or consular activities and in paragraph 14 the Security Council calls upon Member States to reduce the number of staff at Democratic People's Republic of Korea diplomatic missions and consular posts. The Democratic People's Republic of Korea does not have a resident embassy in Sri Lanka. The Embassy of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in New Delhi is concurrently accredited to Sri Lanka. Likewise, Sri Lanka does not have an embassy or consulate in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. The Embassy of Sri Lanka in Beijing is concurrently accredited to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

8. Paragraph 21 underscores Member States' obligations under paragraph 18 of resolution 2270 (2016) to inspect cargo within or transiting through their territory. In this regard, the Customs Department has been requested to exercise vigilance with respect to cargo/personal luggage of all nationals of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea at the entry/exit points of the country. The Department of Import and Export Control of Sri Lanka has also been similarly advised.

9. Paragraph 20 recalls paragraph 31 of resolution 2270 (2016), which calls upon all States to exercise vigilance to ensure that no more fuel is provided to Democratic People's Republic of Korea-flagged civil passenger aircraft than is necessary for the relevant flight, including a standard margin for safety of flight. Sri Lanka has not provided any service or sold/supplied or been associated with issuing any type of fuel for aircraft, naval ships/merchant vessels of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea during the period 2013-2016. No aircraft of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea landed in Sri Lanka during the period 2013-2016. There are also no vessels of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in the Sri Lankan registry with the Merchant Shipping Secretariat of the country.

10. Sri Lanka supports all efforts for non-proliferation and disarmament of weapons of mass destruction. Sri Lanka believes that multilateral treaties provide an important platform to prevent the proliferation of and to eliminate weapons of mass destruction. In this context, Sri Lanka has become a party to several international treaties/conventions concerning the non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, including the following:

- Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
- Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction
- Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction
- Convention on Nuclear Safety

11. The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka will continue to contribute to the international efforts to strengthen the global non-proliferation regime, while it remains committed to the active pursuit of nuclear disarmament.

12. Sri Lanka takes its obligations under resolution 2321 (2016) and all Security Council resolutions on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea seriously, and will continue to make all efforts to implement the provisions of the resolutions. Sri Lanka also reiterates its commitment to cooperate closely with the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006) and the Panel of Experts established pursuant to resolution 1874 (2009).